

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in this application.


Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure        of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
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- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A binder for the production of a layer for road works or civil engineering comprises, with respect to the total weight of the binder:

(a) 2 to 98% in weight of at least one purely natural or modified natural resin, of vegetable origin, having a softening point measured of 30 to 200°C;

(b) 98 to 2% in weight of at least one oil of vegetable origin having a viscosity at 25°C of 50mPa.s to 1000Pa.s,

(c) the binder having:

(c1) either a penetrability at 25°C, of 20 to 300 1/10 mm and a softening point of 30 to 75°C,

(c2) or a penetrability at 15°C, of 300 to 900 and a viscosity at 60°C, and

(d) the binder being exempt of any natural or synthetic elastomer and of any thermoplastic polymer.